

Legals

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 LEASE/PURCH 1052, BANNER FIRE EQUIPMENT, 960.50, FIRE DEPT EQUIP 1053, WELCH STATE BANK, 11266.17, LEASE/PURCH 1054, DINGES FIRE COMPANY, 993.89, LIGHTS 1055, DINGES FIRE COMPANY, 742.98, FIRE DEPARTMENT MEDICAL SUPPLIES 1056, THUNDER GRAPHICS INC, 14214.00, GRAPHICS 1057, PETE'S CUSTOM SERVICE, 950.00, REPAIRS: SH Commissary 17, BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS, 2062.13, COMMISSARY SUPPLIES: SH Svc Fee 301, JOHN STEWART PSY. D. P. C., 145.00, MMPI 302, AAVCOR, 40.00, DRUG TESTING 303, AAVCOR, 50.00, DRUG TESTING 304, AAVCOR, 120.00, RANDOM DRUG TESTING 305, BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS, 19187.58, FOOD 306, AAVCOR, 40.00, DRUG TESTING: SW Mgmt 10, SOLID WASTE, 195072.91, SOLID WASTE SALES TAX: Use-ST 122, BROOKSIDE CUSTOM CONSTRUCTION, 1000.00, 123, BROOKSIDE CUSTOM CONSTRUCTION, 1000.00, MISC
 Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
 AGENDA #5 - This item was not needed as no monthly reports were submitted by officers.
 AGENDA #6 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck for approval of citizen's participation or comments. All comments must pertain to today's agenda items. Speakers should hold their comments to three minutes. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
 AGENDA #7 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to open the floor for new business. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
 AGENDA #8 - This item was not needed as Human Resources Director Vicki Cossairt was not present.
 AGENDA #9 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to sign blanket purchase orders for April. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
 AGENDA #10 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to sign highway cash for April. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
 AGENDA #11 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to discuss with possible action sheriff's purchase of Dodge Durangos from Kansas Highway Patrol. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Thomas said the money to purchase these used cars will come from the \$300,000 Attorney General grant. He said he is changing out some older models. Peewitt asked Thomas to confirm these used cars will be purchased from the Kansas Highway Patrol. Peewitt asked if Thomas had compared prices on comparable vehicles. Thomas said he has, and these are the cheapest he found with the lowest mileage and equipment included. Thomas said a new car will cost \$65,000 to \$68,000 and the equipment to outfit it will run \$10,000 to \$12,000. Peewitt said Thomas must proceed with the approved method of purchase. Poindexter asked if bids are needed and if the rules change since the cars are being purchased out of state. Peewitt said bids are not necessary because this is still an intergovernmental purchase. Poindexter asked if Thomas has explored state bids. Thomas said he has, but he is buying used vehicles and he intends to ask the commissioners to buy new ones. The total amount for four cars is \$155,300. Each Durango has approximately 49,000 miles. Thomas said he is trying to replace eight Ford Taurus cars as they are not practical for Delaware County roads. Thomas said he intends to move those cars to use by School Resource Officers. Poindexter asked Peewitt what the BOCC needs to do. Peewitt said the board should approve the purchase. A motion was made by Poindexter and seconded by Beck to purchase four Durangos from Kansas Highway Patrol for \$155,000. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
 AGENDA #12 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve an interfund error correction transfer from County Clerk RMP to Court Clerk RMP in the amount of \$2,126 per County Clerk Barbara Barnes. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
 AGENDA #13 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to discuss with possible action invoice to Cherokee Nation for preliminary engineering on Bridge #30 in District #1 in the amount of \$180,500. Roll call: Commissioner Poindex-

ter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Poindexter said this is a pass-through where Cherokee Nation fronts the money. When the money arrives from CN, the county sends an invoice to ODOT for the amount. Poindexter confirmed for Peewitt this bridge is on Stand Watie Road, the first one CN built in Delaware County. Callihan said the same procedure will be used on Summerfield Road in his district.
 AGENDA #14 - A motion was made by Commissioner Poindexter and seconded by Commissioner Callihan to receive and file copy of Certificate of Liability Insurance and current list of Board of Directors and Officers for the Oaks Fire Department as follows: Richard Coffron - Mayor; Nancy Kimbrell - City Clerk; Tim Dry, Jessie Reed, Sam Ofield - Members; Fire Chief - Vince Osburn; Asst. Chief - Melvin Blossom; Requisitioning Officers - Vince Osburn, Melvin Blossom, Barbara Barnes; Receiving Officer - Dave Sanders; Inventory Officers - Andy Blackfox, Ryan Martin. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
 AGENDA #15 - Item #15 was tabled until March 24 as Peewitt said it was worded wrong and a resolution must be provided.
 AGENDA #16 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 a.m. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
DELAWARE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 ATTEST:
 BARBARA BARNES,
 COUNTY CLERK
 DAVID POINDEXTER,
 CHAIRMAN
 JAKE CALLIHAN, MEMBER
 DAVID BECK, MEMBER

INC, 1104.64, REPAIRS 1140, CITY OF MIAMI, 234.00, SANITATION 1141, OTTAWA CO RWD #4, 29.00, UTILITIES 1142, QUAPAW NATION UTILITIES AUTH, 36.00, UTILITIES 1143, TOTAL PEST SERVICES, LLC, 110.00, PEST CONTROL 1144, LAKELAND PETROLEUM, 1347.63, FUEL 1145, ACE HARDWARE, 32.98, TOOLS 1146, HY-FLO EQUIPMENT CO*, 540.00, EQUIPMENT 1147, ACE HARDWARE, 47.95, SUPPLIES 1148, KATNER MILLS*, 248.04, PARTS 1149, UNIFIRST CORPORATION, 47.25, SUPPLIES 1150, SCOTT HILTON, 275.86, TRAVEL EXPENSES 1151, CITY OF MIAMI, 32.95, UTILITIES 1152, ACE HARDWARE, 6.50, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE 1153, PREMIER TRUCK GROUP, 185.88, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE 1154, HENRYS WELDING SUPPLY & MORE, 1470.97, SUPPLIES 1155, UNIFIRST CORPORATION, 47.25, SHOP SUPPLIES 1156, A T & T MOBILITY, 523.67, SECURITY SERVICES 1157, MIKE FURNAS, 121.59, TRAVEL EXPENSES 1158, OK DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION*, 2144.76, LEASE PAYMENT 1159, OK DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION*, 2060.00, LEASE PAYMENT 1160, OK DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION*, 2144.76, LEASE PAYMENT 1161, A T & T MOBILITY, 625.55, SECURITY SERVICES 1162, OK DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION*, 1755.08, LEASE PAYMENT 1163, OK DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION*, 2575.00, LEASE PAYMENT 1164, BANK OF AMERICA, 480.37, TRAVEL EXPENSES: Hwy-ST 402, GREAT WESTERN TRAILER, 1719.93, PARTS 403, WALLIS LUBRICANT LLC*, 1100.80, OILS 404, SOUTHERN TIRE MART, 1527.44, TIRES 405, FLEETPRIDE INC*, 496.72, PARTS 406, O REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, 12.61, REPAIRS 407, AUTOMOTIVE OF FAIRLAND*, 10.77, FILTERS 408, M&J EQUIPMENT SERVICES LLP, 2455.35, REPAIRS 409, M&J EQUIPMENT SERVICES LLP, 2673.11, REPAIRS 410, M&J EQUIPMENT SERVICES LLP, 1278.01, REPAIRS 411, M&J EQUIPMENT SERVICES LLP, 1372.09, REPAIRS 412, M&J EQUIPMENT SERVICES LLP, 1543.35, REPAIRS: Rural Fire-ST 110, THE BURROWS AGENCY, 1114.00, INSURANCE PREMIUMS 111, THE BURROWS AGENCY, 961.00, INSURANCE PREMIUMS 112, DINGES PARTNERS GROUP LLC, 6200.00, FIRE EQUIPMENT 113, MES, MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES, 1150.99, FIRE STATION SUPPLIES 114, AVC INC, ARKANSAS VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, 2340.00, PAGES 115, JUSTIN CHANDLER, 1256.42, TRAVEL EXPENSES 116, LIBERTAS ELECTRIC LLC, 9800.00, ELECTRICAL REPAIRS 117, BANNER FIRE EQUIPMENT INC, 5100.00, REPAIRS: SH Commissary 55, PRODIGY, 2500.03, INMATE PHONE CARD: SHERIFF'S FUNDING ASSISTANCE GRANT 5, ALLEN SIGN STUDIO, LLC*, 250.00, OFFICE SUPPLIES 6, EMERGENCY VEHICLE RESOURCES LLC, 17750.00, VEHICLE PURCHASE 7, EMERGENCY VEHICLE RESOURCES LLC, 17750.00, VEHICLE PURCHASE 8, EMERGENCY VEHICLE RESOURCES LLC, 15750.00, VEHICLE PURCHASE 9, ALLEN SIGN STUDIO, LLC*, 250.00, OFFICE SUPPLIES 10, ALLEN SIGN STUDIO, LLC*, 250.00, OFFICE SUPPLIES: SH Svc Fee 172, WORKING HANDS CAR WASH LLC, 126.00, VEHICLE MAINTENANCE 173, LAKELAND OFFICE SYSTEMS*, 128.66, COPIER MAINTENANCE 174, AMAZON SERVICES LLC, 104.96, UNIFORMS 175, ACTION GRAPHICS PRINTING*, 90.00, OFFICE SUPPLIES 176, TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE, 188.00, USER FEE 177, CLEARWATER ENTERPRISE, 3460.21, UTILITIES 178, SOONER PRINTING*, 43.32, POSTAGE 179, ACE HARDWARE, 54.98, SUPPLIES 180, SOONER PRINTING*, 43.32, POSTAGE 181, MAXSON PLUMBING, 1200.00, REPAIRS 182, PREMIER AIR LLC, 5250.00, CONTRACT AGREEMENT 183, O REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC. By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.
 5. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve purchase card claim and purchase orders for payment. By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.
 6. Citizen's participation or comments: Citizens Julie Davis and Donna Gaines voice their concerns and property rights over the proposed AEP lines which will invade several property owners in Ottawa County.
 7. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve Notice to Proceed contract # REAP #032-RP-2026. Requested by District #1 Commissioner Mike Furnas. By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.
 8. Motion by Hilton, second by Furnas, to approve Notice to Proceed contract # REAP # 037-RP-2026. Requested by District #2 Commissioner Robert Clark. By vote: Furnas, aye; Hilton, aye; Clark, aye.
 16. Commissioners' activity reports. District 1 reported waiting on City for permission to have an Agenda meeting at the Civic Center. Looking for replacement vehicles/equipment due to fire. Routine maintenance. District 2 routine maintenance. District 3 routine maintenance and grading.
 19. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve the following blanket purchase orders: #3479-3490. By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.
 20. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to adjourn. By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.
 Mike Furnas, Chairman
 Robyn Mitchell, County Clerk

ODWC Confirms First Report of Invasive Black Carp in Oklahoma



The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) confirmed the first report of a Black Carp (Mylopharyngodon piceus) within a private pond in McCurtain County. Black Carp are one of the four invasive carp species (i.e. Bighead Carp, Silver Carp, Grass Carp, Black Carp) native to Asia and found within the United States. They were imported into the United States in the 1970s and 1980s as a biological control agent for snail pests in aquaculture ponds. By the 1990s, Black Carp had escaped captivity and were found in natural waters in the Mississippi River Basin where natural reproduction has been documented.

Black Carp are benthic molluscivores that stay close to the bottom of the water column feeding on mussels and snails. They have strong pharyngeal teeth that they use to crush mollusk shells. Black Carp have the potential to seriously impact already imperiled native mussel species and may compete for food resources with other native benthic fishes including Smallmouth Buffalo.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources launched a bounty program in 2015 to encourage reports of invasive Black Carp and gather initial data from Illinois and nearby waters. Currently, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Illinois Department

of Natural Resources are tracking the spread of invasive Black Carp across the Mississippi River Basin through the "Keep, Cool, Call" initiative. As part of this effort, anglers in Oklahoma can earn a \$100 reward for each fish reported, with a maximum of 10 fish per month eligible for submission. Outside of Oklahoma, the majority of these fish have been caught incidentally when commercial fishers are harvesting other target species. Less than 1% of Black Carp harvested under the bounty program have been caught with recreational fishing gear. You can learn more about the bounty program here.

Other non-native species, including Grass Carp and Common Carp, and native Blue Sucker, Bigmouth Buffalo, Black Buffalo, and Smallmouth Buffalo have been misidentified as Black Carp. Grass Carp tend to be the most common, particularly in ponds where they are regularly

stocked as a method for aquatic plant management. Please reference materials for identification prior to euthanizing suspected Black Carp.

Anyone who catches a fish that they believe is a Black Carp should humanely dispatch the fish and keep it on ice. Transporting live invasive carp is illegal in Oklahoma, so the fish must be dead before moving it. Make note of the location (preferably GPS coordinates), the type of fishing gear and bait used, and habitat conditions such as depth, water temperature and current conditions. Photos of the fish's head and mouth as well as total length and weight will be required.

Contact Erika Sarvela, ODWC Invasive Carp Biologist, at erika.sarvela@odwc.ok.gov or call (580) 596-8025 or (918) 200-4815 for fish identification and to submit your entry. Anglers are highly encouraged to keep the carp frozen or on ice so ODWC can arrange to pick up the fish for analysis.

Senior Day at the State Capitol

With nearly 900,000 Oklahomans age 60 and older, state leaders, tribal elders, caregivers, and advocates will gather at the State Capitol on Monday, March 30, for Senior Day at the Capitol - a statewide event focused on ensuring aging voices are heard in policy decisions.

Centered around the theme "Hear Our Voices," Senior Day provides an opportunity for aging Oklahomans to meet and speak directly with their legislators, share their experiences, and learn about policies and services that impact their lives and communities.

"Oklahoma is home to nearly 900,000 adults age 60 and over, and these seniors are an important part of our state," said Lt. Governor Matt Pinnell. "I look forward to speaking at Senior Day at the Capitol again this year and encourage seniors from all 77 counties to come to the Capitol and make their needs and priorities known."

"Advocating for aging Oklahomans means showing up wherever decisions are made," said Amanda Williams, one of the event organizers. "Senior Day is about making sure older adults, caregivers, and communities are heard in every space where policy is shaped."

Event Details and Program Timeline

The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. with sign-in at the second-floor rotunda, where attendees can visit aging services, programs, community partners, and health resource booths offering information and support.

The formal program will begin at 10 a.m. in the House Chamber on the fourth floor, and will open with the presentation of colors by the Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard, followed by

Senior Day at the Capitol
 Oklahoma Alliance on Aging
 Monday, March 30, 2026
 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
 Oklahoma State Capitol
 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd.
 Oklahoma City

Older Oklahomans, caregivers, and advocates are invited to the State Capitol to:

- Meet with your legislators
- Learn about services for seniors
- Visit information booths
- Hear guest speakers

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 405-943-1895

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a prayer offered by Gordon Yellowman, a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma and a traditional Southern Cheyenne Peace Chief.

- Confirmed speakers include:
- Speaker of the House Kyle Hilbert
 - Lt. Governor Matt Pinnell
 - Senator Julia Kirt
 - Senator Darrell Weaver
 - Representative Tammy West
 - Representative Nicole Miller
 - Representative Brad Boles
 - Representative Cyndi Munson
 - Sean Voskuhl, AARP Oklahoma
 - William Whited, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman
 - Esther Houser, Oklahoma Alliance on Aging

Attendees will hear updates on current legislation affecting older Oklahomans and are encouraged to visit legislative offices, meet with lawmakers and staff, and continue conversations beyond the event. The event

will conclude at 1 p.m. Throughout the day, attendees will have access to:

- Nonprofit and government aging services and program booths
 - Health and wellness resource booths
 - Information on aging in place, caregiving, and long-term care
 - Opportunities to connect with tribal, rural, and community partners
- Guided assistance will be available to help attendees locate legislative offices and navigate the Capitol.

Location and Registration

Senior Day will take place at the Oklahoma State Capitol, located at 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd. in Oklahoma City. The event is free and open to the public, and all are welcome.

Registration is encouraged but not required and is available through the Oklahoma Alliance on Aging website. Participants are encouraged to visit oklegislature.gov in advance to identify their legislators and plan visits.

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